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### Arkansas Chick Placements Up 5 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 24.2 million during the week ending September 15, 2007. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2006, and up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week were 23.5 million, down slightly from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and the previous week. Of the total hatch, 1.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

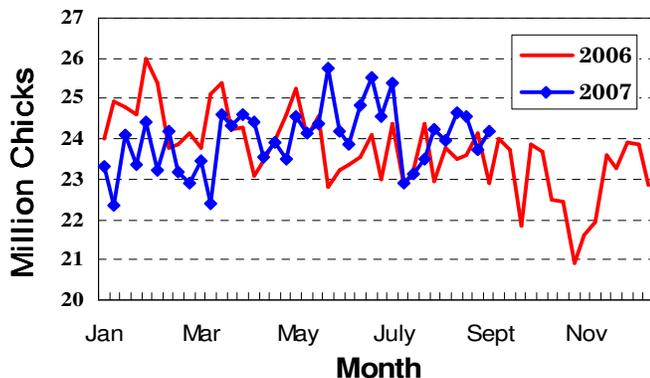
Arkansas hatcheries set 26.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 15, 2007, virtually unchanged from the same period last year, but down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending <sup>1</sup>	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year	2006	2007	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Aug. 11	22,939	24,226	106	23,325	23,437	100	28,334	28,414	100
Aug. 18	23,756	23,964	101	23,355	23,648	101	28,442	28,305	100
Aug. 25	23,489	24,673	105	23,410	23,774	102	28,526	28,234	99
Sep. 1	23,584	24,551	104	23,214	23,810	103	28,083	28,271	101
Sep. 8	24,145	23,745	98	23,543	23,565	100	27,701	27,155	98
Sep. 15	22,924	24,169	105	23,561	23,478	100	26,430	26,429	100

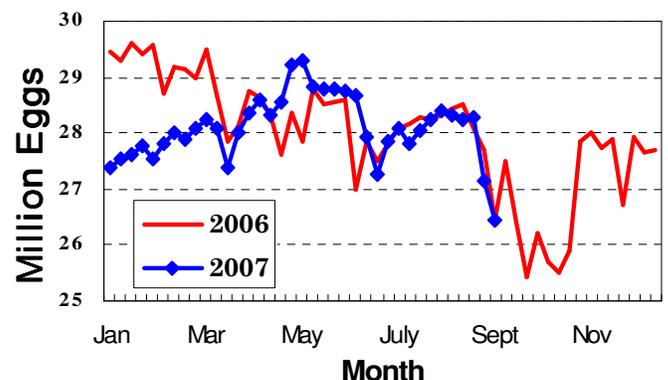
<sup>1</sup> For previous year, it is the comparable week.

\* Revised in current week

**Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2006-2007**



**Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2006 - 2007**



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, August 18, 2007 - September 15, 2007

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	18-Aug	25-Aug	1-Sep	8-Sep	15-Sep	% 1/	18-Aug	25-Aug	1-Sep	8-Sep	15-Sep	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,061	31,632 *	31,432	30,964	31,327	101	21,217	21,361	21,584 *	20,757 *	20,960	100
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>28,305</b>	<b>28,234</b>	<b>28,271</b>	<b>27,155</b>	<b>26,429</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23,964</b>	<b>24,673</b>	<b>24,551</b>	<b>23,745</b>	<b>24,169</b>	<b>105</b>
Delaware	4,186	3,958	3,974	3,954	3,982	105	5,130	5,224	4,937	4,874	4,960	101
Florida	1,344	1,366	1,344	1,344	1,344	97	1,461	1,374	1,474	1,354	1,343	94
Georgia	35,726	35,676	36,031	34,273	34,299	104	29,268	30,272	28,900	29,267 *	29,387	103
Kentucky	7,815 *	7,670 *	7,616	7,214	7,505	112	6,388	6,032	6,132 *	6,452 *	5,840	94
Louisiana	4,044	4,044	4,038	4,029 *	3,999	105	3,618	3,835	3,865	3,979	3,905	111
Maryland	8,823	8,624	8,360	8,500	7,984	98	5,326	5,575	5,860	6,109	5,666	95
Mississippi	18,656	17,771	17,633	18,093	17,881	105	16,920	17,090	17,079	16,947	16,238	104
N. Carolina	19,074	19,713 *	19,341	17,926	19,068	108	16,428	16,123	16,300	15,934	16,414	108
Oklahoma	6,627	6,780	6,720	6,749	6,049	97	4,918	4,205	4,521	4,897	5,383	96
Pennsylvania	4,341	4,484 *	4,397 *	4,108 *	4,275	120	3,067 *	2,794 *	3,018 *	3,225 *	3,266	118
S. Carolina	5,554	5,592	5,370	5,390	5,547	104	5,076	4,430	4,830	4,382 *	4,512	86
Texas	15,027	14,995	14,970	14,583 *	13,224	94	12,834	12,020	12,345	12,486	12,385	97
Virginia	6,245	6,349	6,290	6,211	5,810	94	4,820	5,080	4,916	5,271	5,353	112
CA,MO,TN&WV	19,065	19,254	19,438	18,854 *	18,195	102	17,994	17,334	17,144	17,153 *	16,972	95
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>216,893 *</b>	<b>216,142 *</b>	<b>215,225 *</b>	<b>209,347 *</b>	<b>206,918</b>		<b>178,429 *</b>	<b>177,422 *</b>	<b>177,456 *</b>	<b>176,832 *</b>	<b>176,753</b>	
Prev. Year Total	212,830	213,141	211,613	204,137	202,441		175,536	174,052	173,686	174,016	174,374	
% of Prev. Year	102	101	102	103	102		102	102	102	102	101	
<b>Approximate Marketing Date 2007 2/</b>							6-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct	3-Nov	

\* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 15, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 15, 2007. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through September 15, 2007 were 6.54 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.